

## New Member Statements to the Congregation

I came to Denver without much of an idea of how long I might stay, but thanks in part to this dynamic and supportive FMC community, I feel like I've established some roots here and plan on sticking around for a while. I have been continually impressed by the depth, personality, and open-mindedness of the people who make up this congregation, and I am honored to join you all as part of it. – **Erin Gotwals**

We have grown to love First Mennonite Church and are very grateful to have found this wonderful community. We look forward to growing together as this church strives to embody simplicity, community, peace and service. – **Ruthie, Darren, Ellie and Bryan Knowles**

## About First Mennonite Church

First Mennonite Church is affiliated with the Mennonite denomination. The Mennonites are named for Menno Simons, one of our early church leaders, and are rooted historically in the “Anabaptist” movement (Switzerland, 1525). Some primary Anabaptist values then and now are following Jesus Christ in life through service, rejection of violence, living simply and joy in participatory worship.



### First Mennonite Church of Denver

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For more information about today's schedule, the weeks to come, or about our congregation, please visit our Welcome Table in the foyer. If you are not receiving the FMC Weekly, a weekly e-newsletter from the church, go to the church's website at [www.fmcdenver.org](http://www.fmcdenver.org) to subscribe. Look for the box in the upper right corner and enter your information.

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Thanks!*

Welcome to

## First Mennonite Church

*Denver, Colorado*



***December 19, 2010***  
***“Politics of Advent 4:  
Disgraced No More”***

Worship 9:30 AM  
Education Hour 11:00 AM

*May this be a place of hope and transformation for all who enter here.*

## **Gathering Music**

### **Opening**

*O come, all ye faithful* – HWB 212  
*Hark! The herald angels sing* – HWB 201

Call to Worship

Welcome and Introductions

Passing the Peace

(Option: “*Namaste*” – *The divine in me recognizes the divine in you.*)

Choir – *Ave Maria* by Biebl

Invocation

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Introit

*(The prayer cloth will be given to someone in our congregation  
as a sign of our prayers for them.)*

Children’s Time

### **Centering**

Chimes sound three times:  
For what is old, for change, for that which is new

*My soul is filled with joy* – STJ 13 (vss. 1, 4, 5)

### **Exploring**

Bible Reading – Isaiah 7:10-16

Meditation – “Politics of Advent – Disgraced No More”

*Hark! The glad sound!* – HWB 184

## **Living**

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Membership Celebration  
Tory and Crystal Doerksen, Erin Gotwals,  
Darren and Ruthie Knowles, Gwen Penner  
(See new member statements on back page)

Offering and Pledging Celebration

### **Sending**

*Joy to the world* – HWB 318

Benediction

### **Leadership for this Service**

Worship Leader – Annie Lengacher Browning  
Meditation – Darren Knowles  
Song Leader & Choir Director – Arlen Hershberger  
Introit Procession – Larry & Nina Rupp Family  
Children’s Time – Tory Doerksen  
Flowers – Lola Hershberger

*Thank you to all who have given generously of their attention and talents  
to make this service a time of encouragement  
and a challenge in our walk of faith.*

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*We welcome our visitors today.  
You will find visitor cards in the pew racks.*

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*If you would like to request pastoral care for yourself or someone else,  
you will find request cards in the pew racks.*

### **Education Hour – 11:00 AM**

**Children and Youth**, ages 2-18 – Basement

**Adults** – Unplug the Christmas Machine